

Hello Commissioners,

From our last Governmental Structure Subcommittee meeting, the committee agreed to meet for 30 minutes to complete discussion on the issue Councilmember Kathy Lambert raised regarding reconfirming department head appointments by the County Executive every three years.

This meeting will occur on **Tuesday, January 29th at 5:00pm in Room 120** in the Chinook Building prior to our full commission meeting at 5:30pm. We agreed that we would come back to the subcommittee with more information on:

- 1) Any potential Legal issues with the proposed amendment on reconfirmation
- 2) The Executive's position on the proposed amendment

We will have information on both these items during this meeting.

Additionally Councilmember Lambert raised another issue to the subcommittee to further clarify the appointment process in a letter I emailed to you last week. We will also take up this issue during this meeting. I've attached the letter again as a reminder.

Finally, we've recently received a proposed charter amendment from the King County Elections Division proposing a charter amendment that would amend the deadlines set forth in the charter for submitting county referenda, initiatives, and charter amendments to the Elections Division for placement on an election ballot. The revised deadlines would match the deadlines set by state law for other local ballot measures and would provide more time for the Elections Division to prepare for elections that include charter-based ballot measures.

This amendment was proposed by Sandy McConnell, the Elections Program Manager for Election Operations and is currently being reviewed by the PAO. The white paper on this issue with suggested language was written by Corrie. The document is also attached to the email for your review.

If we don't get through all of these issues in time period allotted we will also have a meeting time blocked out for February 11th to finish discussing any outstanding issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

- Mark